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Title: Need to broadcast an hour long Radio Programme in Tamil everyday over Rainbow FM for the Tamil listeners in Delhi.

SHRI P. MOHAN (MADURAI): FM Radio Broadcasts in several languages, a popular programme called Rainbow FM. This programme has been introduced in many of the metropolitan cities and State Capitals. Along with Tamil programmes, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada and Hindi programmes are also broadcast from Chennai station .of All India Radio. But in Delhi the National Capital which has about 10 Lakhs Tamil population, do not Broadcast the Rainbow FM in Tamil. Tamil language has been declared a classical language. It is an ancient and living language with rich literary and cultural background. We do have able artistes, scholars and broadcasters along with keen and critical listeners in Delhi which would make it possible to produce and broadcast, Tamil Programmes in Delhi itself.

Tamil Unit of South East Asian Broadcast Service as part .of External Services Division of All India Radio is functioning from 1941 in the premises of Delhi station .of All India Radio from where FM Broadcasts originate. But this Tamil Broadcast from Delhi cannot be heard in Delhi now. Hence, I urge upon the Union Government especially the Ministry .of Information and Broadcasting and Prasar Bharati to take steps to Broadcast an hour-long Radio programme in Tamil everyday over Rainbow FM.

Let this one hour daily FM Tamil Broadcast service be commenced from the ensuing Tamil New Year's Day on April 14th or on August 15th the sixtieth Anniversary of our Independence Day.